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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY HONORS 'WYANDANCH WIZ KIDS' AT GENERAL MEETING OF LEGISLATURE



Amityville, NY –Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory presented proclamations to the Wyandanch Wiz Kids Robotics Club at the General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature on March 24 in Hauppauge.

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The Wyandanch Wiz Kids Robotics Club is a program supported by the Family Life Center and Wyandanch Youth Center. Young people ages 6-10 years old are introduced to real-world engineering challenges by building LEGO-based robots to complete tasks on a thematic playing surface. The Wiz Kids, guided by their imaginations and adult coaches, discover exciting career possibilities and learn to make positive contributions to society.

The Wiz Kids participated in the School-Business Partnerships of Long Island, Inc.'s (SBPLI) FIRST® (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) LEGO League Qualifying Tournament on January 24 and 25 at Central Islip High School, where they received the Judge's Award. Over 120 teams participated in this year's Challenge. Children in elementary and middle school built, tested and programmed an autonomous robot using a "LEGO Mindstorms" robot to solve a set of missions on an obstacle course.

Presiding Officer Gregory is pictured with The Wyandanch Wiz Kids Robotics Club and Rachel Williams-Bailey, Director of the Robotics Program at the Wyandanch Youth Center, operated by the Family Life Center.

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